

1587

Watchmaking began in
Switzerland.

Apr 29, 1587

Cadiz

Spanish City and Port on Atlantic

English fleet under Sir Francis
Drake (c. 1540 - Jan. 28, 1596) sank or
captured about 30 Spanish ships
without loss of an English ship
or man.

English forces under Lord of Essex
sacked the City. 1596

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Davis (England) to Davis Strait.

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118 colonists from England arrived, among them (Sir Walter Raleigh's colony) the parents of Virginia Dare, the 1st English baby to be born in the New World. The leader of the Colony, John White, sailed back to England after a few weeks, to get more provisions. When he returned to Roanoke in 1591, he found it

deserted. The word "CROATOAN" was
carved on a tree, and no one knows
what happened to the settlers.

1587 Mary, Queen of Scots, beheaded.

The marriage in 1563 of Mary, Queen of Scots, to the Roman Catholic, Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, alienated the Protestant nobility of Scotland. It also alarmed Elizabeth I of England, since Henry's descent from Margaret Tudor strengthened Mary's claim to the English throne. The murder of DARNLEY (Feb 1567) by Mary's favorites, the earl of Bothwell (in which Mary's complicity is unproven) and her subsequent marriage to Bothwell, raised a revolt in Scotland. In 1568, Mary was forced to

abandon her Scottish Crown and take refuge in
England. Her presence was an embarrassment & a threat
to her cousin Elizabeth I, who could not take her side
by making war on the Protestant Scottish rebels. Mary
was held captive in Fotheringhay Castle, Northamptonshire,
under the eye of the Earl of Shrewsbury. A papal Bull
of 1570, which ~~also~~ ^{also} communicated Elizabeth & called upon
the Catholic monarchs of Spain & France to withdraw her.
made Mary the center of a number of plots against
Elizabeth. Mary was gulfed into implicating herself
in the last of these, the Babington plot of 1586, by Sir
Frances Walsingham, and with this evidence,
Walsingham persuaded Elizabeth to try Mary for
treason. She was convicted by a royal Commission and,
after Elizabeth had delayed for 4 months, executed
Mary at Fotheringhay.

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Raleigh appointed John White the new governor of Roanoke. White and 150 other men, women, children sailed across Atlantic. When they arrived at Roanoke, there was no sign of the 15 men left on the island. Only 1 skeleton remained as proof of the early colonists. The fort had been destroyed & only a few houses were standing.

Oct 20, 1587

Battle of Coutras
French Huguenots under
Henri (later King Henry IV of France)
defeated the Catholics

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Mary, Queen of Scots is
beheaded.

Drake destroys Spanish shipping
in Cadiz harbor

Sigismund, Crown prince of
Sweden, king of Poland

Japan: Hideyoshi supremacy
established; expulsion of
Jesuits

February 1587

With the assent of Queen Elizabeth,
Mary, Queen of Scots was
beheaded!

April 1587

(English)
Drake sailed into Cadiz, Spain
and destroyed all the shipping
in the harbor.

The great Armada was
postponed for a year by this
"singing of the king of Spain's
beard."

April 1587

Sir Francis Drake (1545-95)

Was trained for his wonderful career by his kinsman, Sir John Hawkins. He fought the Spaniards in the West Indies, and was the first Englishman to sail round the world. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth on board the Golden Hind at Deptford